

**Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicant notes that the Information Disclosure Statement inadvertently included reference number 5060071, which should have read 5060671. Applicant will include the updated reference in a separately filed IDS paper.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

The Office Action indicates rejection of Claims 1-15 as being unpatentable in view of various cited prior art. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections because the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all the features recited in the claims.

For example, the claims recite that the air intake vents are located away from the heating area. The Office Action correctly identifies Burruss as including an outer vessel 1-9 including a heating area on its distal end. As illustrated in Burruss, the Burruss vents are similarly located on the distal end of the outer vessel 1-9, such that both the heating area and the vents of Burrus are located on the distal end of the outer vessel. Accordingly, Burruss fails to disclose, teach, or suggest the features recited in the claims, including the claimed air intake vents located away from the heating area, as recited in independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that the various other cited prior art fails to remedy the deficiencies of Burruss with respect to these features, among others.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 1 and claims 2-15 by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the patent application in light of the foregoing and that all of the Applicant's claims be allowed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or underpayment of fee(s) to Deposit Account Number 503514. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by e-mail ([Marc@HankinPatentLaw.com](mailto:Marc@HankinPatentLaw.com)) or by telephone at (310) 892-1613 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

Respectfully Submitted,

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